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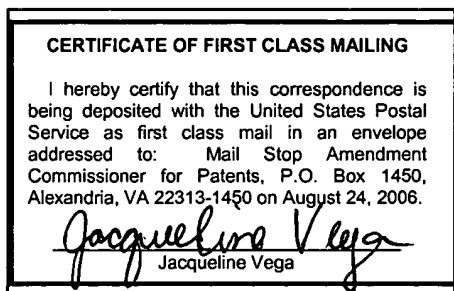
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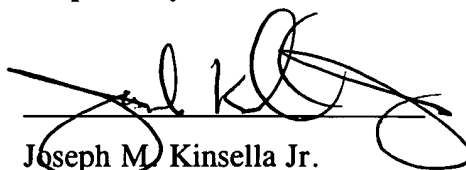
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The device has at least one signals source and/or sink of signals or power. A cable with non-reflecting terminations is laid along the trajectory of motion and the mobile units have an inductive coupling device (12, 22, 32) for coupling to the cable. The inductive coupling device is arranged wrt. the cable so that the currents induced or flowing in it can be tapped. A source and/or sink (11, 21, 31) for signals and/or power is arranged at one or both ends of the reflection-free terminated line.

DE 34 34 268 A1 03-20-1986

In a method for decentralized control of vehicles and functions which can be carried out in them, the object is to permit, without an additional superordinate central control system, fully automatic operation in the entire track area. This is achieved in that the vehicles (F) are provided with data in relation to destination and freight, then started, stopped at a destination station (ZSTG), commands of stored command sequences are successively transmitted to the vehicle as a function of the freight, executed in the said vehicle and acknowledged and re-started after a new destination address is set. The fields of application are preferably suspended monorails and driverless transport systems.

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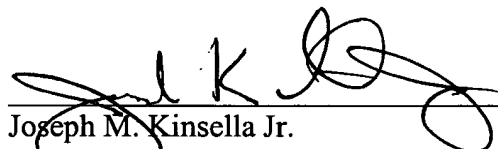
An automatic transport system, e.g. an overhead rail system or a floor guided system, has a CPU (52) connected to one track and with the separate transport units (12, 14) each moving independently and fitted with positions sensors and microprocessors. Each unit exchanges data with the CPU, and with other units, via a bus connection through the track. Contact with the track is by sliding contacts. The track has a magnetic strip with position markings read by the position sensors.

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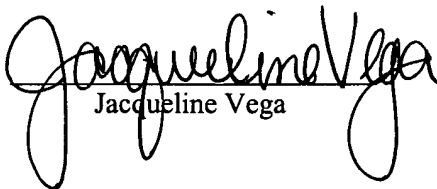
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